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**SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED  
DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 8, 1998**

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#98-68 People v. Allen, S070028. (H016184; 63 Cal.App.4th 532.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court limited review to issues concerning whether a defendant can be convicted of receiving stolen property when the evidence shows he was the actual thief but that the statute of limitations had not run and whether a defendant may be simultaneously convicted of both receiving and burglary. (See Pen. Code, § 496.)

#98-69 People v. Lasko, S069354. (H014879.) Unpublished opinion.

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court limited review to an issue concerning whether the trial court had a duty to instruct the jury sua sponte that imperfect self-defense or provocation/heat of passion may reduce an implied malice murder to voluntary manslaughter.

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#98-70 People v. Metters, S069442. (A074986; 61 Cal.App.4th 1489.)  
Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. The court limited review to the issue of whether defendant's constitutional right to a unanimous jury was violated by the trial court's removal of a holdout juror.

.#98-71 Townsel v. Superior Court, S067155. Original proceeding. This case concerns the legality of an unilateral order by the trial court preventing appellate counsel from contacting jurors in a capital case without prior court approval.